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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
 Federal Communications Commission
 The Portals
 445 12th Street, S.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notification of *Ex Parte* Meetings of Neutral Tandem, Inc.
 WC Docket No. 06-159

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter serves to provide notice in the above-captioned proceeding of an *ex parte* meeting on April 6, 2006.¹ The undersigned accompanied Rian Wren, Surendra Saboo, and Ronald Gavillet of Neutral Tandem, Inc. ("Neutral Tandem") in a meeting with Jeffrey Goldthorp, Lisa Fowlkes, and Walter Johnston of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide an overview of Neutral Tandem's business, and to discuss the public interest benefits of tandem interconnection of the type sought in Neutral Tandem's Petition in the above-referenced docket. The attached written presentation was used during the meeting. In particular, the Neutral Tandem representatives discussed the fact that their network is physically diverse from the incumbent ILEC network. Neutral Tandem does not collocate any equipment in ILEC tandem wire centers, nor does it lease ILEC transport facilities (with limited exceptions where a customer specifically requests the use of ILEC facilities). Neutral Tandem tracks its transport facilities at the circuit level to seek to ensure that its transport routes are diverse from those used by its customers to connect to ILEC tandems, and further ensures diversity within its network by managing its own SONET ring architecture and leasing transmission facilities from multiple fiber providers within each market. Finally, Neutral Tandem maintains connections (at its expense) between its tandem switch and multiple ILEC tandems in each market, to provide yet another routing option for traffic completion in the unlikely event of network outages. The multiple alternative routings made possible by Neutral Tandem's network greatly strengthen the capacity of the PSTN during natural

¹ We were unable to file this notice on April 9, 2007, the business day following the meeting, due to computer network problems.

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disasters and other emergencies that either damage network infrastructure, cause an unexpected increase in calling volume, or both.

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed in the above-captioned proceeding for inclusion in the public record. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/
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Enclosure

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